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From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, requesting authorization to increase an existing Professional Services Contract with von Briesen & Roper S.C., by \$150,000, from \$250,000 to \$400,000, to finalize post-sale rights relative to the sale of the Downtown Transit Center property and the development of The Couture, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC), on behalf of Milwaukee County (the County) retained von Briesen and Roper, S.C., to assist in the drafting of an Option to Purchase and Development Agreement related to the sale and development of the Downtown Transit Center property to Barrett Visionary Development; and

WHEREAS, the OCC provided an informational report and status update to the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, and Economic and Community Development in October 2014 and August 2016 regarding progress on the contract deliverables; and

WHEREAS, the Option to Purchase and Development Agreement were completed and approved by the Committee on Economic and Community Development and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as Adopted File No. 14-827; and

WHEREAS, thereafter von Briesen and Roper, S.C., obtained a declaratory judgment establishing the extent of the County’s title and rights to the subject property and the County’s ability to proceed with the Option to Purchase and Development Agreement in Adopted File No.’s 14-827 and 14-914; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Professional Services Contract occurred in August 2016, in the amount of \$50,000 to close the sale of the Downtown Transit Center property and establish the County’s continuing rights post-sale; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of April 13, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-316 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contract with von Briesen & Roper, S.C., is further amended in the amount of \$150,000, from \$250,000 to a total amount of \$400,000, to finalize post-sale rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approves an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with von Briesen & Roper, S.C., to a total amount of \$400,000.

